

ECONOMIC AND TRAVEL INDICATORS

DECEMBER 2000

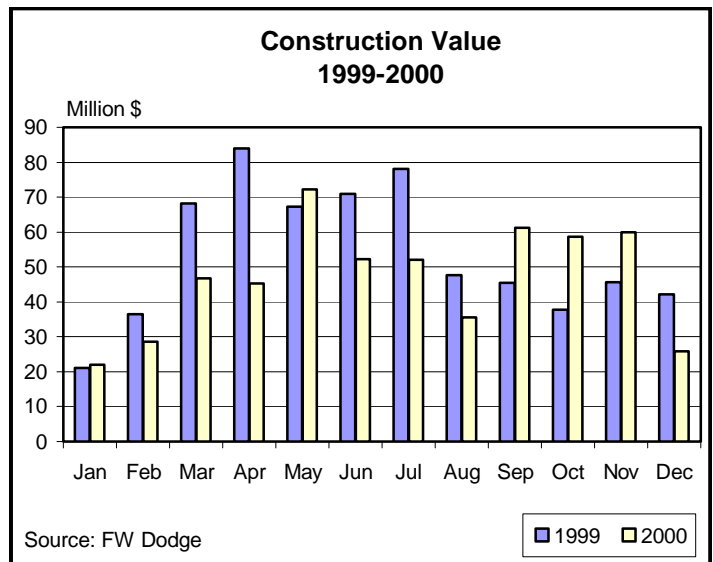
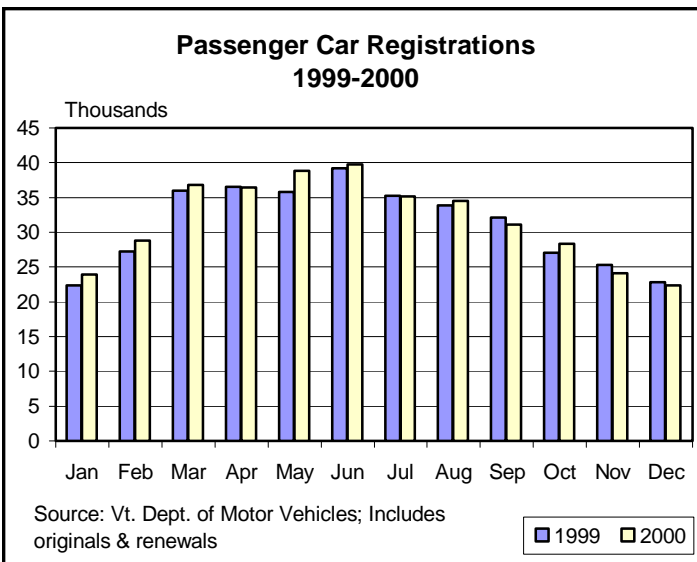
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<u>LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A. *,Thousand)	297.8	297.1	292.2	0.2%	1.7%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	39.9	40.0	40.4	-0.3%	-1.0%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	2.5	2.8	2.7	-10.7%	0.1
U.I. Initial Claims	6,017	3,785	4,603	59.0%	-17.8%
U.I. Exhaustees	173	192	196	-9.9%	-2.0%
DET Job Placements	433	348	353	24.4%	-1.4%
Passenger Car Registrations	22,338	24,132	22,781	-7.4%	5.9%
Total Current Car Registrations	388,773	386,810	381,550	0.5%	1.4%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	114,123	113,412	113,113	0.6%	0.3%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	4,287	4,252	4,299	0.8%	-1.1%

	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>YR. TO DATE LAST YEAR</u>	<u>YR. TO DATE % CHANGE</u>
<u>Residential Building Permits</u>					
Housing Units	109	2,278	148	2,641	-13.7%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	14,109	268,236	16,442	285,708	-6.1%
<u>Construction Value (\$Million)</u>	25.8	599.1	42.8	651.8	-8.1%
Residential	21.0	264.1	14.4	253.0	4.4%
Nonresidential	4.4	191.8	24.2	275.2	-30.3%
Nonbuilding	0.4	143.2	4.3	123.6	15.9%
New Business Incorporations	128	1,254	148	1,293	-3.0%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	39,067	450,290	32,779	435,555	3.4%



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<u>STATE TAX REVENUES (\$Million)</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>FISCAL YR TO DATE</u>	<u>FYTD LAST YEAR</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST FYTD</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	79.9	419.3	410.8	-2.7%	2.1%
Personal Income	44.5	204.0	190.3	6.2%	7.2%
Sales & Use	16.4	109.4	111.2	-7.1%	-1.6%
Rooms & Meals	4.0	40.5	38.4	-26.0%	5.4%
Corporate Income	7.0	19.1	15.6	19.6%	22.4%
Property Transfer*	0.6	3.8	3.9	-3.9%	-2.3%
Other	7.4	42.5	51.3	-34.5%	-17.3%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	14.2	87.4	86.2	0.5%	1.3%
Gasoline	3.6	26.4	26.9	-24.3%	-1.8%
Purchase and Use	4.0	27.5	26.5	-2.5%	3.9%
Motor Vehicle Fees	2.2	17.4	19.0	-16.2%	-8.6%
Other	4.4	16.1	13.8	70.1%	15.9%
<u>Education Fund</u>	34.6	79.0	76.7	8.0%	3.0%

* FYTD Adjusted for Transfers to Trust Funds

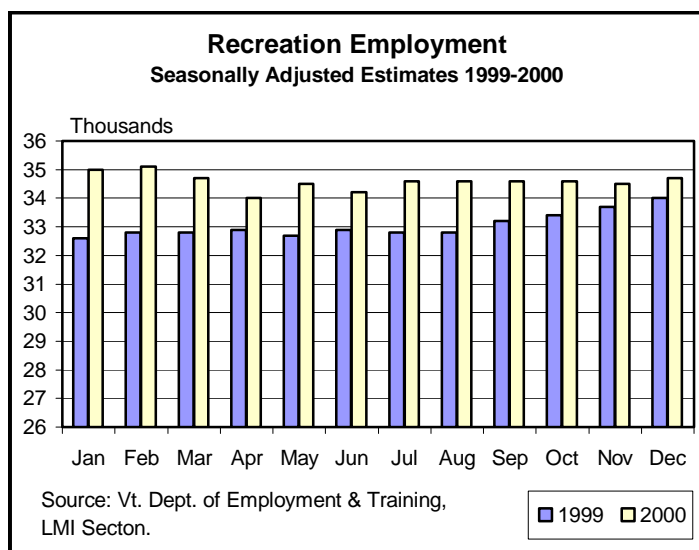
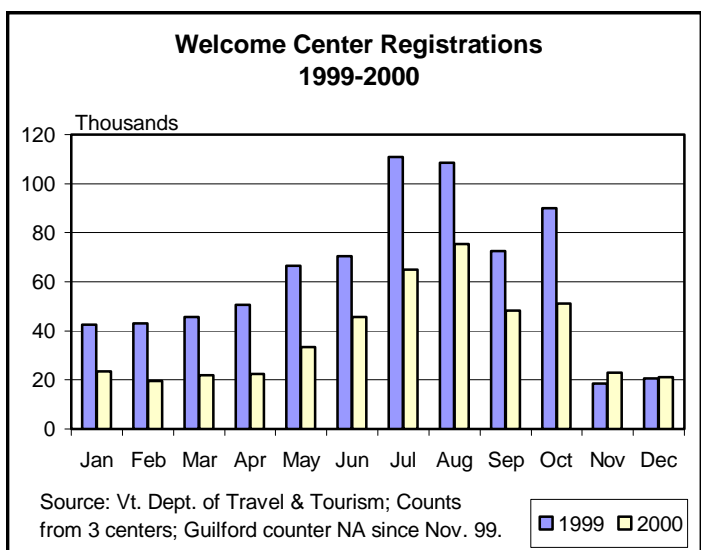
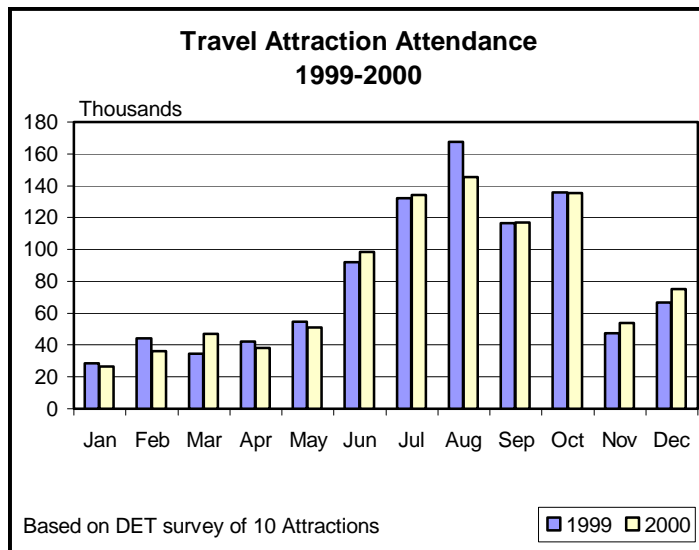
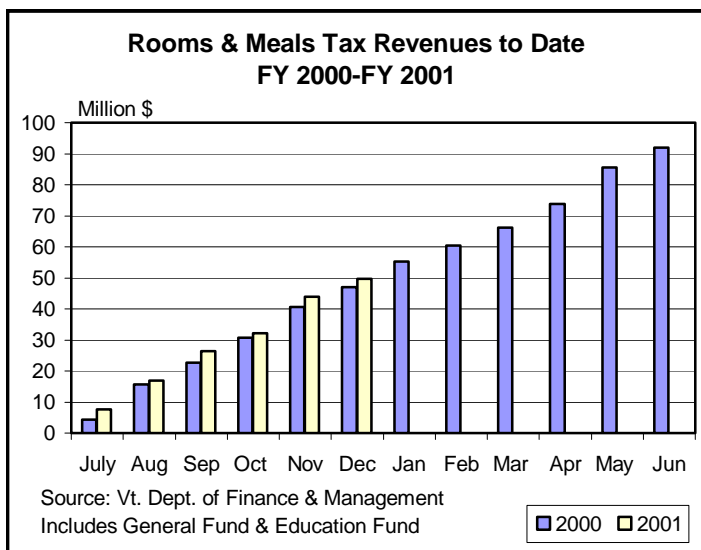
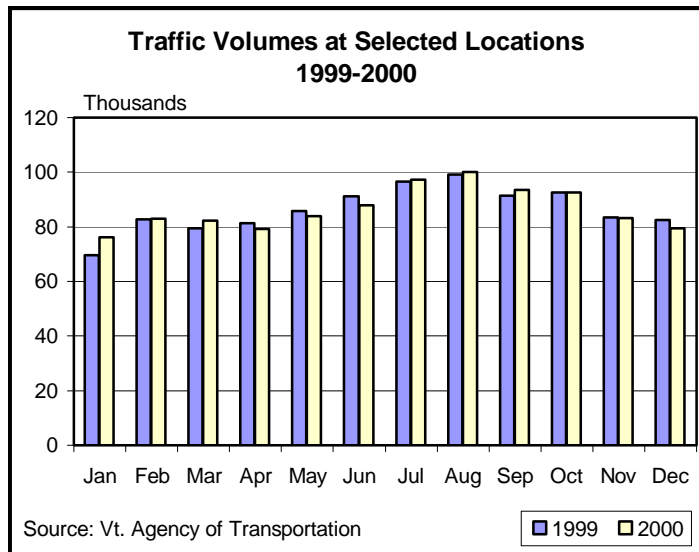
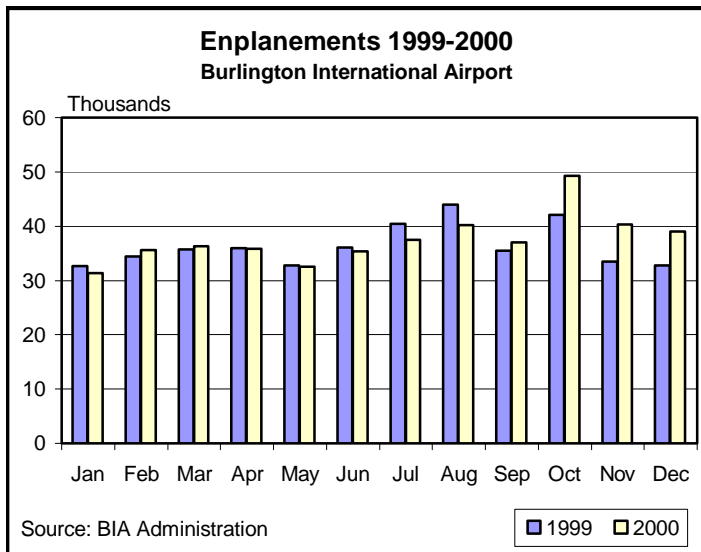
<u>TRAVEL & TOURISM</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Recreation Employment (S.A.,Thousand)	34.7	34.5	34.0	0.6%	1.5%
Selected Traffic Volume	79,338	83,209	82,506	-4.7%	0.9%
<u>Motels & Hotels Survey ** (Preliminary)</u>					
Average Room Rate (\$)	\$117.98	\$98.76	\$119.47	19.5%	-17.3%
Occupancy Rate (%)	35.5	29.3	33.2	6.2	-4.0
<u>Welcome Center Counts*</u>					
Guilford *	9,784	7,313	8,424	33.8%	-13.2%
Fair Haven	8,195	10,006	8,702	-18.1%	15.0%
Highgate	3,046	5,641	3,480	-46.0%	62.1%

**Lodging occupancy and room rate data based on a survey conducted by the Vermont Tourism Data Center at UVM.

*Guilford Welcome Center moved during November; electronic counter not yet installed; April counts revised

<u>Rooms & Meals Business Receipts *</u>	<u>NOVEMBER 2000</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	N/A	30,829	10,970	N/A	N/A
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	N/A	53,732	37,528	N/A	N/A
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	N/A	8,652	6,614	N/A	N/A

* November & December 2000 & January 2001 delayed until early April.



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<u>SEASONAL INDICATORS</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>SEASON TO DATE</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>SEASON T.D. YEAR AGO</u>	<u>SEASON T.D. % CHANGE</u>
<u>Attendance Surveys</u>					
State Parks (Day Use)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Campgrounds (Campers)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Campgrnds (Occup. Rate, %)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Private Campgrnds (Occup. Rate, %)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd)	74,984	958,407	66,789	964,553	-0.6%
<u>Skier Days (Survey)</u>					
Alpine (Preliminary)	568,310	645,055	454,127	500,017	29.0%

DATA SOURCES

New England Telephone Co.; U.S. Dept. of Commerce; F.W. Dodge & Co.; Burlington Airport Administration; Vt. Departments of Employment & Training, Finance & Management, Forests, Parks and Recreation, Taxes, Motor Vehicles, Tourism & Marketing, Vt. Agency of Transportation; Secretary of State's Office; Vt. Division for Historic Preservation; University of Vermont

NOTE: Survey data for comparison only; Not intended as statewide estimates